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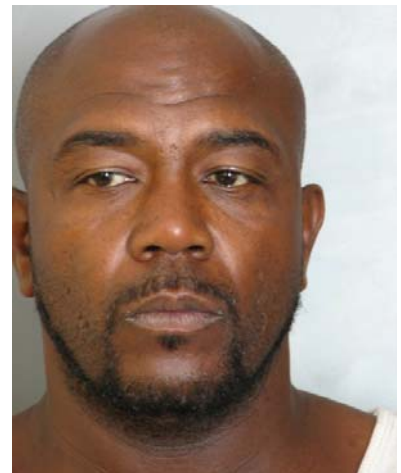
Media Notification

DOC, State Police Continue Investigation into Offender Escape

The Delaware Department of Correction and Delaware State Police continue their search for Joseph Sanders, an offender who escaped from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington on Friday. Sanders left the facility with a group of inmates who were scheduled to be released.

Sanders, 42, is a 5'07" black male with black hair, brown eyes, tattoos on his left shoulder and both arms - the tattoo on his upper left arm is the name 'Amanda' - and a scar on his face.

Both agencies are encouraging members of the public with information pertaining to Sanders' whereabouts to call 911, Troop 2 at (302) 834-2620 ext. 0 or Crime Stoppers at 1.800.TIP.3333. On-line tip submissions can be made at <http://dsp.delaware.gov/crimstop.htm>.



Along with the search for Sanders, the Department of Correction is also conducting an internal investigation into how Sanders was erroneously released. The investigation, which is expected to be completed in seven to ten days, will include an analysis of all systems, processes and staff performance related to the incident. Findings of the investigation that do not compromise security or deal with personnel issues will be made public.

Sanders was brought into the Young Correctional Facility on Wednesday, October 24. He was being held as a detentioner awaiting court action on multiple charges, including, a capias, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, reckless driving, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft under \$100 (two charges), failure to report an accident and receiving stolen property under \$1,000 (3 charges). Total bail was set at \$41,577.